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Matters relating to the Steering Committee on Trade Capacity and Standards: decisions on matters relating to the Steering Committee on Trade Capacity and Standards

Decisions on matters relating to the Steering Committee on Trade Capacity and Standards and its subsidiary bodies

Background

1. The Steering Committee on Trade Capacity and Standards held its fourth session on 3 and 4 May 2018. The report of the session is contained in document ECE/CTCS/2018/2.

2. As part of its deliberations, the Steering Committee on Trade reviewed its Terms of Reference in order to better reflect the work on the Sustainable Development Goals, namely how the Economic Commission for Europe series on studies on regulatory and procedural barriers to trade can address the relevant Sustainable Development Goals. The revisions do not propose any amendments to the mandate of the Steering Committee and do not have financial implications.

3. The Steering Committee also endorsed the proposed activities of its subsidiary bodies, namely:

(a) the Programme of Work 2018–2019 of the Working Party on Regulatory Cooperation and Standardization (Working Party 6), as contained in document ECE/CTCS/WP.6/2017/6; and

(b) the proposed activities for 2018 of the Working Party on Agricultural Quality Standards (Working Party 7), as contained in document ECE/CTCS/WP.7/2017/2, paragraphs 48–51.

4. The Executive Committee is invited to approve the above decisions.

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Draft Decision

5. The Executive Committee hereby approves:

(a) the revised Terms of Reference of the Steering Committee on Trade Capacity and Standards as contained in document ECE/CTCS/2018/2;

(b) the Programme of Work of the Working Party on Regulatory Cooperation and Standardization for 2018–2019 as contained in document ECE/CTCS/WP.6/2017/6; and

(c) the activities of the Working Party on Agricultural Quality Standards for 2018 as contained in document CE/CTCS/WP.7/2017/2, paragraphs 48–51.